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2008 Spring Conference Well Attended Stacey Hamm ~ Spring Conference Chair

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The 2008 GFOASC Spring Conference was attended by over 350 government finance professionals from across the State of South Carolina.

The day began with an interesting presentation about identity theft by Bobby Kirby from the US Secret Service. This was followed by Frank Fusco's discussion on challenging times.

The day continued with many interesting and informative concurrent sessions dealing with project management, budgeting and public

financing. We had an entertaining presentation on the state ethics act by Cathy Hazelwood.

We concluded with our business meeting and door prizes.

Thank you to the committee and especially to all of you who attended. I would also like to thank the board members who stepped in to help pull this conference together when we lost our administrator.

The conference was a wonderful opportunity to network and learn from our peers!



**"PAYING ATTENTION
TO DETAILS"**

**Radisson Hotel and
Conference Center
In Columbia**

Date to Remember

Fall Conference
October 12-15, 2008
Myrtle Beach, SC

Providing up-to-date information and news affecting the Government Finance Officer Profession in

Myrtle Beach
GFOA 08

October 12-15



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT ~ VIOLA R. FAUST

The year is half way over. The next half will bring about many changes as we move forward without the administrative contract that has served us for several years. The issues with the contractors have been resolved. A special thanks to Paul Jarvis, chair of the Presidents Council for his assistance in the resolution process. We thank you for your patience and understanding during this period of transition. We are working hard to ensure that the membership receive the very best service possible.

We are exploring many ways to use Memberclicks to serve you. For instance, this year's Fall Conference registration process will be handled online through Memberclicks.

You should have received an e-mail announcing the opening of the registration for the fall conference. Your User ID and password was included in the e-mail as well as the link to the registration form. When you register you will receive an invoice by e-mail that will be used to process payment. Please let us know if you did not receive your registration information as you can only register for the conference online.

An exciting feature of Memberclicks is that it will allow us to have the most current information on you as it will update your profile when you register. You also have the ability to update your information on Memberclicks at any time. Just go to your profile and you can make changes as necessary.

If you forget your user ID or password, you can enter your e-mail address on the login page and that information will be sent to you. I believe these new and innovative initiatives will add value to your membership.

These are just some of the processes we are designing to better serve you. Future features include providing your annual membership renewal notices online and the use of Paypal via the website.

However, we are interested in hearing your ideas on how to make your association stronger. Please use our contact information on our new website at www.gfoasc.org to provide us feedback.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing you at the Fall Conference on October 12 -15, 2008.

Sincerely,

Viola Robinson Faust, CPM
President, GFOASC

2008 Fall Conference Chair- President Elect ~ Scott Ludlam

Please join us on October 12th, 2008 for the GFOASC Fall Conference in Myrtle Beach, SC. Our keynote speaker will be Mr. Converse A. Chellis, III, our State Treasurer. We also have a wide variety of session speakers to interest finance professionals from state and county governments to higher education. We have some special guests too: Charles Cox,

Past-President, National GFOA; Patricia Leckey, GFOA NC, and Kelly Becastro, GFOA GA.

Don't miss this opportunity to earn valuable CPE's, network with professionals and enjoy all that Myrtle Beach has to offer.

We will kick off the conference with a Sunday night reception in the convention center. Mike

Lockaby from *Partytime Entertainment* will be our DJ for the night.

Be sure to register online. Early bird rates are (\$200 member/ \$250 non member) before 09/12. The room rate this year is \$96.

If you have any questions, feel free to email us using the link on the website or call me at (803) 734-8699.

FALL CONFERENCE

REGISTER ONLINE
THROUGH
MEMBERCLICKS



Update from your State Representative ~ Marcia L. Medway

The Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program had added more than 100 new participants in each of the past two years. This brings the total number to a new record of more than 1200 participants. For more information about this program, go to the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award Program (Under Awards Program) on the GFOA's web site at www.gfoa.org. Please join me in congratulating our colleagues.

Recent recipients from South Carolina receiving an award in 2007-2008 include:

Dr. Ronald L. Rhames, Midlands Technical College

Ms. Mary Trussell , North Charleston Sewer District

Mr. John Gardner , Horry County Public Schools

Ms. Phyllis White , Beaufort County School

Mr. Philip Robey, City of Greenville

Ms. Angie McInchok ,Richland County

Mr. David Vebaun , City of Rock Hill

Mr. L Lee Moulder , Dorchester County

Ms. Jessica Hiller ,City of Georgetown

Mr. Carroll Westley Sawyer, Jr, Horry County

Ms Peggy Maxwell, City of Anderson

Mr. Mack Gile ,Charleston County

Ms. Rita Davis, Anderson County

Ms. Ruth Paris, County of Greenville

Budget
Presentation
Award
Program



SPECIAL NOTE

David Vebaun, Management Services, City of Rock Hill was elected to the GFOA governing board at the National Conference held in Fort Lauderdale June 15—18.

Congratulations David !

~ Carol Martin, Chair ~ Nominating Committee~

This is the list of the members that have so graciously volunteered to run for office.

Billy Martin – Lexington County – President Elect

Stacey Hamm – Richland County – President Elect

Jeanne Griffin – Colleton County – Director

Al Rickett – Spartanburg County – Director

Wayne Chamblee – Spartanburg County School Dist – Director

James Absher – Kershaw County – Director

Anne Bunton – City of Rock Hill - State Rep

Karen Wicker – Treasurer's Office - State Rep

Angela Gunter – Aiken County – Secretary

Cheryl Allen-Lint – Central Carolina Tech – Secretary

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Certification Committee Update

Billy R. Martin, CGFO

Certification Committee Chair

The brochure for the 2008-2009 certification core courses is now available. The brochure and the November 2008 exam dates will soon be posted on the website. Starting with the November 2008 exams, there will be five exams instead of three. The committee is currently working with USC on the final guidelines and procedures for these exams.

The Certification Committee met in July to audit a random sample of the 2007 CPE reports. These reports were verified for accuracy along with the supporting documentation. Remember to send your supporting documentation when you submit your annual CPE report.

Annual CPE Reports and CPE class reports should be completed so that the committee can identify what classes you attended and how many hours you earned. Reports will be returned if hours earned and CPE classes taken are not identified. Remember to always maintain your copy of these reports with documentation.

At our July meeting we approved the 2008 CGFO Applications for Certification for individuals who have completed their requirements. These applicants completed their requirements after passing the exams in November 2007 or May 2008. The certificates for these individuals will be awarded at the GFOASC Fall Conference Banquet on October 14, 2008.

Please continue to visit the Certification/CPE link for the most current information about the certification program. Please email me at bmartin@lex-co.com if you have any questions or concerns about the Certification Program.



GFOASC BULLETIN BOARD

Employment Opportunities

FINANCE DIRECTOR

The City of Bennettsville is seeking a candidate to fill a key management position of Finance Director. Minimum qualifications include: A BS in Accounting or 4-year degree with major course work in Accounting/Finance and 3-5 years Accounting and Public Finance experience, requires CPA certification.

A city employment application is required. Contact the City of Bennettsville, SC Human Resources Department, P.O. Box 1036 Bennettsville, South Carolina 29512, (843) 479-9001

awward@mecsc.net.

ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER

The Legislative Printing, Information & Technology Systems, a state government agency, is seeking a candidate to fill the position of Administrative Manager. Minimum requirements include: A bachelors degree or relevant experience in administrative services or financial management. Position is non-classified and At Will

A state government application is required. Contact

Gigi Brickle, Director at gigibrickle@scstatehouse.gov.

Telephone (803) 212-4420 Fax: (803) 212-4450

Additional information for both positions can be seen on our website at www.gfoasc.org



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AT
WWW.GFOASC.ORG**